

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for recognizing the correct spelling of a word associated with an email application, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

receiving an indication that a first word has been entered into a first field;

broadcasting a notification message to another application if the first word is identified as a new word;

receiving an indication that a second word has been entered into a second field, the second word related to the first word;

comparing the second word to a word list;

indicating that the second word is a correctly spelled word, in response to finding a match between the second word and the word list; and

indicating that the second word is an incorrectly spelled word, in response to failing to find a match between the second word and the word list.

2. (Original) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

3. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the second word is a proper name.

4. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first word is an email name.

5. Canceled.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~5~~ 4, ~~wherein the step of resolving the email name comprises the steps of~~ further comprising resolving the email name including:

comparing the email name to an email name list;

finding a matching name in the email name list, the matching name sharing at least one characteristic with the email name; and

determining a display name associated with the matching name.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 6, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining an email address associated with the matching name.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining that the email name has been entered into a TO field of an email note.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 6, further comprising ~~the step of~~ storing the display name in the word list.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the word list is a dictionary.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 9 6, further comprising ~~the step of~~ storing the display name in an auto-completion database.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 9 6, further comprising ~~the step of~~ storing the display name in a smart-tags database.

13. (Currently Amended) A spell checker for determining whether an entered word is misspelled, comprising:

a custom dictionary containing a word list;

a message monitor for receiving ~~an indication~~ a broadcast from an e-mail application that a new word is available; and

an automatic word addition module operative to add the new word to the word list, in response to the message monitor receiving ~~an indication~~ the broadcast from the e-mail application that the new word is available;

wherein the ~~indication~~ broadcast that the new word is available is generated in response to the entry of a displayed name in a TO field of an email note.

14. Canceled.
15. Canceled.
16. (Currently Amended) The spell checker of Claim ~~45~~ 13, wherein the new word is associated with the displayed name.
17. (Currently Amended) The spell checker of Claim 13, further comprising a word checking component ~~operative to compare the entered word to the word list~~.
18. (Currently Amended) The spell checker of Claim 17, wherein the word checking component is ~~further~~ operative to indicate that the entered word is misspelled, ~~in response to a failure to find a matching word in the word list~~.
19. (Currently Amended) The spell checker of Claim 17, wherein the word checking component is ~~further~~ operative to indicate that the entered word is correctly spelled, ~~in response finding a matching word in the word list~~.
20. (Currently Amended) The spell checker of Claim ~~47~~ 13, wherein the entered word is entered into the body of an email note.
21. (Currently Amended) The spell checker of Claim ~~47~~ 13, wherein the entered word is entered into a word processor document.
22. (Original) The spell checker of Claim 13, wherein the automatic word addition module is further operative to add the new word to an auto-completion database.
23. (Original) The spell checker of Claim 13, wherein the automatic word addition module is further operative to add the new word to a smart-tags database.

24. (Currently Amended) An email application program for sending and receiving email notes, comprising:

an email name resolving module operative to determine a displayed name in response to receiving an entered email name;

a new email name reporting module operative to broadcast a new resolved name message to at least one module consisting essentially of a spell checker module, auto-completion module, or a smart-tags module, in response to resolving a new email name associated with the displayed name; and

~~an email name cache for storing the displayed name, wherein the displayed name is available for extraction from the email name cache by at least one module consisting essentially of a spell checker module, auto-completion module, or a smart-tags module.~~

25. (Previously Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) The email application program of Claim 24, wherein the spell checker is operative to extract the displayed name from the email name cache and add the displayed name to a dictionary, in response to receiving the new resolved name message broadcast from the new email name reporting module.

27. (Previously Canceled).

28. (Currently Amended) The email application program of Claim 24, wherein the auto-completion module is operative to extract the displayed name from the email name cache and add the displayed name to an auto-completion database, in response to receiving the new resolved name message broadcast from the new email name reporting module.

29. (Previously Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) The email application program of Claim 24, wherein the smart-tags module is operative to extract the displayed name from the email name cache and add

the displayed name to a smart-tags database, in response to receiving the new resolved name message broadcast from the new email name reporting module.

31. (New) A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method for sending and receiving email messages, the method comprising:
determining a displayed name in response to an entered email name; and
broadcasting a new name message to at least one application upon resolving a new name associated with the displayed name.

32. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 31, the method further comprising associating the display name with an auto-completion application.

33. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 31, the method further comprising associating the display name with a smart-tags application.

34. (New) A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method for email messaging, the method comprising:
receiving an indication that a first word has been entered;
determining if the first word is a new word;
broadcasting a message to at least one application if the first word is determined to be a new word;
receiving an indication that a second word has been entered, the second word related to the first word;
comparing the second word to a word list;
indicating that the second word is a correctly spelled word, in response to finding a match between the second word and the word list; and
indicating that the second word is an incorrectly spelled word, in response to failing to find a match between the second word and the word list.